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Docket No. : 080310.40901C2  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Vacuum Process Apparatus

AFTER-FINAL REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or after March 11, 2005.

In response to the assertion that the previously submitted reissue declaration is defective and to the corresponding rejection of Claims 35-43, 45-54, 72 and 73 under 35 USC § 251, applicant submits herewith the Fourth Supplemental Declaration specifically addressed to the issue raised in said Office Action.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit  
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 080310.40901C2).

Respectfully submitted,

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